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# BOWDOIN.

## PIERRE BAUDOUIN.

**Died:** Boston, September 1706.

**Will:**<sup>1</sup> June 16th 1704; proved July 6th 1719. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

**Married:** in France, Elizabeth —; born 1643; died Boston, August 18th 1720; will<sup>2</sup> September 5th 1717, proved September 17th 1720. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

### Issue.

1. **James I Bowdoin**, of whom later.
2. **John Bowdoin**, born in France; moved to Northampton Co. Va.; died prior to 1717; left issue male.
3. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born in France; married Thomas Robins; alive in 1747; left issue.
4. **Mary Bowdoin**, born in France; married, August 22d 1708, Stephen Beauteau; alive in 1747; left issue.

### Account of Pierre Baudouin.

Pierre Baudouin, accompanied by his wife and four children, fled from France to Ireland, on account of religious

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<sup>1</sup> See page 9.

<sup>2</sup> See page 10.

persecution. In 1686 he came to Casco (now Portland), Maine; 1687, in the summer, petitioned<sup>1</sup> Governor Andros for a grant of 100 acres on Barbary Creek, Casco Bay; 1687 December, petition granted; 1690 May 16th, moved to Boston.

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### JAMES I BOWDOIN.

**Born:** la Rochelle, 1676.

**Died:** Boston, September 8th 1747; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

**Will:**<sup>2</sup> September 7th 1747; proved September 14th 1747. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

**Married:** 1st. July 18th 1706, Sarah Campbell;<sup>3</sup> died December 21st 1713.

— 2dly. September 15th or 16th 1714, Hannah, daughter of George Pordage;<sup>4</sup> born February 13th 1687; died August 23d 1734.

— 3dly. April 24th 1735, Mehitable Lillie, widow.

### Issue.

1. **James Bowdoin**, born May 5th 1707; died September 29th 1707.

2. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born, Boston, June 27 1708; died July 12th 1708.

3. **Mary Bowdoin**, twin sister of Elizabeth; married, February 12th 1729, Balthazar Bayard; died June 21st 1780; left issue.

4. **John Bowdoin**, born August 22d 1709; died November 21st 1711.

5. **Pierre Bowdoin**, born May 19th 1711; died July 30th 1712.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 8.

<sup>2</sup> See page 11.

<sup>3</sup> Possibly a daughter of John Campbell, postmaster.

<sup>4</sup> See page 30.

6. **William Bowdoin**, born Boston, June 14th 1713; graduated Harv. Coll. 1735; a merchant; member of the Provincial Council; chosen by Roxbury to act on several committees during the troubles before the Revolution; married July 3d 1739 Phoebe Murdoch; she died December 13th 1772; had three daughters, two of whom died unmarried; Sarah Bowdoin, the third one, married 1st her cousin James III Bowdoin, 2dly General Dearborn.

William Bowdoin died at Roxbury February 24th 1773; buried March 2d; the inventory of his estate shows £16,- 252 18s. 2d.

7. **Samuel Bowdoin**, born July 25th 1715; died September 18th 1716.

8. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born April 25th 1717; married, October 26th 1732, James Pitts; died October 20th 1771.

9. **Judith Bowdoin**, born March 5th 1719; married, June 12th 1744, Thomas Flucker; she was alive in 1747.

10. **James II Bowdoin**, of whom later.

### Account of James I Bowdoin.

Commenced life as a mariner, and rose to the first rank among the merchants of Boston; for many years member of the Colonial Council; left the greatest estate that had ever been possessed by any one person in Massachusetts, estimated at from 50 to 100 thousand pounds sterling.

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### JAMES II BOWDOIN.

**Born:** August 7th 1726.

**Died:**<sup>1</sup> Boston, November 6th 1790; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Lowell in his Eulogy, etc., says:

“Great and respectable was the concourse which attended his funeral; every species of occupation was suspended; all ranks and orders of men, the clergy and the laity, the magistrate and the citizen, men

**Will:**<sup>1</sup> March 23d 1789: proved November 16th 1790.  
(Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

**Married:** September 15th 1748, Elizabeth, daughter of John Erving;<sup>2</sup> died May 5th 1803, age 72; buried with her husband.

### Issue.

1. **Elizabeth Bowdoin**, born —— 1750; married, January 20th 1767, Mr. (later Sir John) Temple; died, Boston, October 23d 1809; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

2. **James III Bowdoin**, of whom later.

### Account of James II Bowdoin.

Engaged in mercantile business; had close relations with Franklin; Fellow of the Royal Society; long connected with the government of Harv. Coll.

### Itinerary.

1745, Graduated at Harv. Coll.

1753-55, Representative.

1757-1774, Member of the Council.<sup>3</sup>

1774, Elected as one of the five delegates from Massachusetts to the Continental Congress held at Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>

1779, President of the Convention to frame a Constitution for Massachusetts.

1780, Among the founders of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and its President until his death.<sup>5</sup>

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of leisure and men of business, testified their affection and respect by joining in the solemn procession; and crowds of spectators lined the streets through which it passed; whilst an uncommon silence and order everywhere marked the deepness of their sorrow."

<sup>1</sup> See page 15.

<sup>2</sup> See page 42.

<sup>3</sup> 1774 he was vetoed by Governor Gage, by express order of the king.

<sup>4</sup> Illness prevented him from accepting of the position.

<sup>5</sup> He left his library to this Society.

1785 and 1786, Governor of Massachusetts.  
1788, Member of the State Convention to ratify the Constitution of the U. S.

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### JAMES III BOWDOIN.

**Born:** Boston, September 22d 1752.  
**Died:** Nashaun Island, Buzzard's Bay, Mass., October 11th 1811; buried in the Bowdoin vault in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

**Will:**<sup>1</sup> June 4th 1811; proved October 21st 1811. (Probate Office, Suffolk Co. Mass.)

**Married:** May 18th 1781 Sarah, daughter of William Bowdoin;<sup>2</sup> born October 17th 1761; her second husband was Gen. Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War under Jefferson, whom she married November 10th 1813; she died May 24th 1826.

### Account of James III Bowdoin.

Graduated at Harv. Coll. before he was twenty; sailed for Europe and spent a year at Oxford; then travelled, and was on the Continent, when he heard of the battle of Lexington; returned immediately to America; March 17th 1776 was on the heights of Dorchester with Washington and crossed over with him in the same boat, at the time of the evacuation of Boston; his health gave out and he went to reside with his father and assisted him in his political labors.

Many times member of the legislature; minister to Madrid under Jefferson; associate minister to France, with Gen. Armstrong; overseer of Harv. Coll.; liberal benefactor to Bowdoin Coll.; owned two country-seats, Mount Bowdoin, Dorchester, and Nashaun Island, New Bedford Harbor; after his mother's death, he had two residences in

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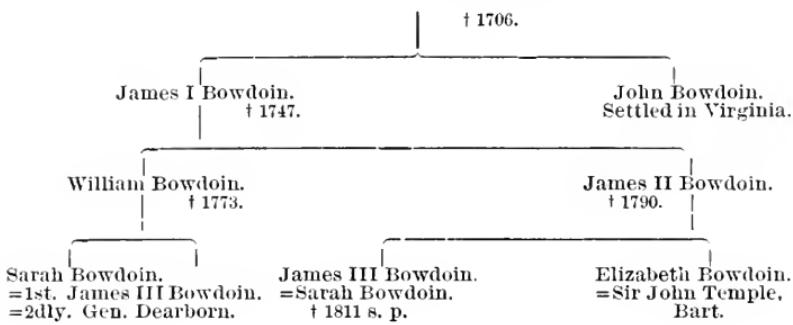
<sup>1</sup> See page 21.

<sup>2</sup> His uncle.

Boston, namely his father's, corner of Beacon and Bowdoin Streets, and the William Bowdoin house on Milk Street.

The last male of his race in New England.<sup>1</sup>

### PIERRE BAUDOUIN.



### Appendix.

**Petition of Pierre Baudouin to Governor Andros.** (ADDRESS AT BOWDOIN COLL. 1849, BY HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP.)  
(THE ORIGINAL IN FRENCH.)

To His Excellency the Governor-in-chief of New England humbly prays Pierre Baudouin saying: that having been obliged by the rigors which were exercised towards the protestants in France, to depart thence with my family, and having sought refuge in the realm of Ireland, at the city of Dublin, to which place it pleased the Receiver of His Majesty's Customs to admit him, your petitioner was employed in one of the bureaux; but afterwards, there being a change of officers, he was left without any employment. This was what caused the petitioner and his family, to the number of six persons, to withdraw into this territory, in the town of Casco and province of Maine; and seeing that

<sup>1</sup> Among others who assumed the name of Bowdoin under his will and that of his wife, were the sons of his grand-niece, Mrs. Sullivan, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop; descendants of one of these sons are well-known residents of New York.

there are many lands which are not occupied, and particularly those which are situated at the point of Barbary Creek may it please Your Excellency to deeree that there may be assigned to your petitioner about one hundred aeres, to the end that he may have the means of supporting his family. And he will continue to pray God for the health of Your Excellency

PIERRE BAUDOUIN

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**Will of Pierre Baudouin.** (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO.  
MASS.)

In the Name of God Amen.

The Sixteenth Day of June one thousand seven hundred and four I Peter Bowdoin of Boston in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Merchant being in good bodily health and of sound mind and memory praised be God for the same Knowing the uncertainty of this present life, and being desireous to settle that outward Estate the Lord hath lent me Do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say, First and Principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping to receive full pardon and remission of all my sins and salvation through the alone Merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my Body to the Earth in decent manner to be buried according to the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. As touching such outward Estate as the Lord hath lent me my will is that the same shall be Employed and bestowed as is hereinafter Expressed hereby making void and null all other Wills or Testaments heretofore made by me Declaring and appointing this to be my last Will and Testament

Imprimis I will that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be well and truly paid as soon as may be conveniently after my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named

I Give and bequeath to my Loving wife Elizabeth Bowdoin all my Real and Personal Estate whatsoever or wheresoever to be found for her Comfortable Support to be Improved by her during her Natural life.

Item my Will is that after my wifes Decease all my Real and Personal Estate be equally divided between such of my children as shall then be living and if any of my children dye before my wife the child or children of such my Deceased Child shall have his or her part of my Estate equal with such of my Children as shall be living at my Wife's Decease.

Item if my wife sees fit to give forth any part of my estate in her lifetime to any of my children it shall be allowed by such child or children as part of their portion when my Estate comes to be divided. I Do hereby and appoint my loving Wife Elizabeth Bowdoin Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

PETER BOWDOIN

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**Will of Elizabeth Bowdoin.** (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO.  
MASS.)

In the Name of God Amen.

this fifth day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventeen I Elizabeth Bowdoin of Boston in the County of Suffolk in New England Reliet. Widow and sole Executrix of the last Will & Testament of Peter Bowdoin late of sd. Boston Mereht deeeased being sick & weak tho of sound mind do make & declare this to be my last will and testament as follows That is to say— First & Principally I commend my soul into the Hands of God my heavenly Father in hopes of obtaining the pardon and free forgiveness of all my sins & eternal life thro Jesus Christ my alone Saviour & Intercessor. And my Body I commit to the earth to be Decently interred in hopes of a

joyful Resurrection at the Great day of the Lord As for my estate which God hath betrusted me with all I give & dispose thereof as followeth viz:—

Imprs. I will that all my just debts and funeral Charges be well & truly paid within Convenient time after my decease.

Item. I Give all my Wearing apparel both Linnen silk & woollen unto my Daughters Elizabeth Robins & Mary Beauteineau equally to be shared by them.

Item. I give forty shillings pr. annum to the French Church in Boston to be paid yearly for five years after my decease.

Item. Whereas I have advanced & Paid to my Children divers sums of money & other estate as will particularly appear by my Books My will is that what either of my Children have already received shall be accounted as part of their portions of and in the Estate of their late father my sd. Dear husband Peter Bowdoin deced. in conformity to his last Will And all the rest of my sd. husbands Estate and also what is my own proper & seperate estate &c. by me gotten & acquired since his decease I give & Bequeath the same unto my children to be equally Divided between them and their Legal representatives Viz: the children of my son John Baudouin deced. to have one single share with one of his surviving Brothers & Sisters—And I do nominate & appoint my son James Bowdoin & son in law Stephen Beauteineau Executors of this my last will & testament hereby renouncing all former wills by me made.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first within written

ELIZABETH BOWDOIN

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**Will of James I Bowdoin.** (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO.  
MASS.)

In the name of God Amen. I James Bowdoin of Boston in the County of Suffolk in New England Esq<sup>r</sup> being of

Sound Disposing mind and Memory do make this my Last will and Testament in manner following that is to say first & principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator in hopes of Eternal Life thro' the merits and Intercession of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my Body I Comit to the Dust to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executors in faith of the Resurrection and Re-Union of it with my Soul at the Last Day—and as Touching my Temporal Estate which hath been Trusted me withal I will & Dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I will that my just Debts & Funeral Charges be well and truly paid by my Executors in Due time.

Item I give to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. And<sup>w</sup> Le Mercier forty pounds old Tenor & twenty pounds in said Tenor p annum to be paid him yearly after my Decease so Long as he shall continue in the ministry at the French Church so Called in Boston aforesaid.

Item I give to the Poor of said Church twenty pounds old Tenor p annum to be paid yearly for their Use to the Deacon of s<sup>d</sup> Church so Long as Mr. Le Mercier continues y<sup>e</sup> minister thereof.

Item I give the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Sam Cooper fifty pounds old Tenor

Item I Give to the Poor of the town of Boston thirty pounds old Tenor p annum to be paid for their use to y<sup>e</sup> Overseer of y<sup>e</sup> Poor of said town yearly for ten Years after my Decease.

Item I give to my Sister Eliz<sup>a</sup> Robins & Children & to my sister Mary Beantineau & her children forty pounds old Tenor to Each of them.

Item Whereas by Virtue of a Contract made between me & my present wife Mehitable before marriage my heirs Executors & Administrators were to pay her in lieu of her Dowre in my Estate if she survived me the sum of three hundred and three hundred pounds yearly During her Wid<sup>w</sup>hood but if she married again from thenceforth no more than one hundred & fifty pounds p annum During her Life I now Give her the sum of One hundred pounds Sterling

money of Great Brittain instead of the first mentioned sum of three hundred pounds & one hundred pounds Sterling to be paid her by my Executors yearly During so Long time as she Continnes my Widow in Lieu of the said three hundred pounds p annum settled upon her by said Contraet During her Widowhood bnt in ease she marries again then I give her forty pounds Sterling During her Life p annum in lieu of the aforesaid sum of One hundred & fifty pounds p annum settled upon her for Life by said Contract and my will is that the said Contract be on my part in all other Articles complied with provided my wife Relinquish to my heirs her Dower or Power of thirds in my Real Estate according to her Covenant & the true Intent & meaning of the s<sup>d</sup> Contract further I give to her my four wheeled Chaise & two horses During her Widowhood if she thinks fit to maintain them otherwise my will is that my Exeutors permit her to have the use thereof & also of my Coach & horses as Often as she shall reasonably Desire the same for her own riding. I also give to my wife During her widowhood my house & Land at the West End of Boston whereof Sam<sup>l</sup> Appleton Died seized for her to Dwell in Unless she shall Incline to Live w<sup>th</sup> some of my Children.

Item All the Residue & Remainder of my Estate both Real & Personal situate in Boston or where Ever Else the same is or may be found I give Devise & bequeath the same unto my sons William Bowdoin & James Bowdoin & to my Daughters Mary Bayard Eliz<sup>d</sup> Pitts & Judith Flueker & to the children of my Daughter Mary Bayard to be Divided between them in the proportion following that is to say four seventh parts thereof to be Equally Divided between my sons William Bowdoin & James Bowdoin & to hold to them & their Respective heirs & assigns forever two seventh parts thereof to be Equally Divided between my said Daughters Eliz<sup>d</sup> Pitts & Jndith Flueker to hold to them & their heirs & assigns forever the Remaining Seventh part of my Estate unto the children of my said Daughter Mary Bayard in Equal parts the same to Remain in the hands & Possession of my Executors until they shall Re-

spectively attain to the age of twenty one years or Day of Marriage which shall first happen when I order my Executors to pay or Deliver them their proportion of said Seventh part as for as shall be then Received & the Remainder when the Estate is settled and in Case Either of them should Dye before they attain to the age of twenty one years or Day of Marriage I then order that their part or shares be Equally Divided among the Surviving Children of my said Daughter Mary & I further order my Executors to Reserve in their hands the sum of ten Thousand pounds old Tenor out of the said Seventh part given to the children of my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter Mary to be put out at Interest & so much of the Interest money to be paid to my said Daughter Mary Bayard During her Life for her Maintenance as my Executors shall think proper her Receipt not notwithstanding her Coverture to be a Suffieient Discharge to my Executors for what they shall so pay her & after the Deeease of my said Daughter Mary I order the said sum of ten Thousand pounds old Tenor to be Equally Divided among her Children that shall be Living at her Deeease in ease they are of age or are Married or their Legal Representatives but I do order Notwithstanding what is afore written that whatsoever sum or sums of money my son in Law Belthazer Bayard is or shall hereafter be In Debted unto me by Book or Otherwise the same shall be Deducted out of the said Seventh part of my Estate given to his children.

Item My will is anything before written notwithstanding that upon the Division of my personal Estate between my said Children they shall Respectively allow and Disount to Each other as and for part of their Portions & shares of my Estate hereby given then for what & so much as it shall appear by my Books or otherwise that I have advaneed or shall advance to them or Either of them upon any aecount whatsoever & to be recknoned & accounted to them as part of portions or shares of the Residuary part of my Estate.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my son James Bowdoin & my sons in Law Jas. Pitts & Thos. Flueker Executors of this my Last will & Testament hereby revoking

all former wills by me heretofore made in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this seventh day of Sep. 1747 & in the 21st year of his Majesty's Reign

JAMES BOWDOIN

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**Will of James II Bowdoin.** (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO.  
MASS.)

In the name of God. I James Bowdoin of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make this my last Will and Testament. I commend my Soul into the hands of my blessed Redeemer, humbly hoping for the mercy of God, through him. Whenever it shall please God to take me out of Life, it is my request that none of my Friends would habit themselves in mourning on that occasion, being desirous from their evil effect upon the community that mourning habits should not again come in vogue. With regard to my estate, I will and dispose of it in the following manner. 1st I will that all my just debts if such there be, and also the charges of my funeral, be paid as soon as may be after my decease.

2nd I give to the Rev Mr Peter Thatcher fifty pounds, & to the Deacons for the Poor of his Church, One hundred pounds, the Interest of which to be annually applied for their use; this last mentioned sum to be paid to the Deacons in some good security.

3rdly I give to my Alma Mater, The University at Cambridge, in good securities payable to me, Four hundred pounds, the same to be loaned on interest on good security, & the interest thereof, annually applied, in the way of Premiums for the advancement of useful & polite Literature among the residents as well Graduates as Under Graduates of the University. The Premiums to be paid in such kind & manner, as shall be best adapted to excite a spirit of emulation among such residents. The performances en-

tituled to such premiums, to be read in publick by their respective authors, who shall deliver a fair copy of the same to be lodged in the Library. Such copies to be written on quarto paper of the same size that such of them as shall merit it, may be bound together in handsome volumes, & lodged in the said Library. The President and Corporation of the University to give forth the subjects, judge of the performances & determine every thing concerning this Donation, in such manner as they shall apprehend most conduceive to the design of it. The four hundred pounds aforesaid to be paid to whomsoever the Overseers & Corporation of the University shall empower to receive the same.

4thly I give to the Americane Academy of Arts & Sciences my Library which consists of more than twelve hundred volumes the whole or any part of it to be sold as the Academy shall direct, & the Product of y<sup>e</sup> Books, that may be sold to be applied to the purchase of other Books, such Academy shall judge best adapted to promote the design of their Institution. I also give to the said Academy, one hundred pounds, to be applied in such manner as they shall judge will best contribute to that design.

5thly I give to my dear son James Bowdoin the whole of my share viz: one half of the Islands, Catamock or Nau-shan, Nannemosset, & Onkatamy, lying within the Township of Chilmark, in the County of Dukes County, to have and to hold the said Islands with the stock of every Kind & all appurtenances whatsoever, unto him, his heirs & assigns forever. I also give to my said son James my dwelling house in Boston fronting Southerly on Beacon Street, together with the Gardens & other lands & all appurtenances whatever thereto belonging, reserving however to his mother the use of the same during her Life. And I also give him a certain tract of land containing about three thousand acres lyng in Bowdoinham, in the County of Lincoln, fronting easterly on Kennebek River, opposite to Pownalborough, & called Lott No. 9 conveyed to me by a Grant from the Proprietors of the Kennebeck purchase, from the late Colony of Plymouth, dated December 17, 1760, to have

& to hold the said Dwelling house with the appurtenances, & also the said tract of Land with the appurtenances, to him the said James his heirs & assigns forever.

6th I give to my dear Wife Elizabeth Bowdoin all my house furniture & family Linnen, all my silver plate, my Chariots & other Carriages & Horses, to have & to hold the same to her & her heirs, and also give her the use of my dwelling house, fronting on Beacon Street, together with the land & appurtenances during her Life, reserved to her as above mentioned.

7thly All the residue & remainder of my estate, both real and personal wheresoever the same is, or may be found, including what is derived to me & my Wife, by virtue of the last Will of her late father the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Erving deceas'd late of Boston Esq<sup>re</sup> I give, devise & bequeath the same to my Wife the said Eliz<sup>th</sup> Bowdoin, to my son the said James Bowdoin, & to my daughter Elizabeth Temple, wife of Sir John Temple to be divided between them in the following manner. viz One third part thereof to my Wife the said Eliz<sup>th</sup> Bowdoin, to have & to hold the same to her, her heirs & assigns forever; the real estate derived to her by her Father's Will, aforesaid to be accounted as, or as part of the third of the real estate hereby bequeath'd to her. The foregoing bequests being in lieu of her dower & thirds in my estate. One third part thereof I give to my son the said James Bowdoin to have & to hold to him, his heirs & assigns forever. And the remaining third part thereof, I give to my daughter the said Elizabeth Temple (execepting one hundred pounds thereof, which I give to her daughter Winthrop) to have & to hold the same to her, her heirs & assigns forever, subject nevertheless to this proviso viz: Provided always, & it is my Will that during her Coverture her said third part both real and personal shall be delivered to, & be under the care & management of my worthy friends, the hon<sup>ble</sup> Oliver Wendall Esq<sup>re</sup> & Nath<sup>l</sup> Appleton Esq<sup>re</sup> & the survivor of them, & at their decease, or on their refusal of the trust, shall be delivered to, & be under the care & management of such person or persons as shall from

time to time be appointed to that trust, by the Supreme Court of Probate, for this commonwealth, which trustees are to improve the same to the best advantage for my said Daughter, & the Income, Profits, & Interest thereof, as the same becomes due, to pay to her or her Order, whose receipt or order, notwithstanding her Coverture, shall be a sufficient discharge to them for what they shall from time to time so pay to her, & for their care & trouble in this business they shall be allowed out of such Profits & Income a reasonable compensation to be settled & approved by the Supreme Court aforesaid, who are hereby vested with all needful powers for rendering this Proviso effectual. And whenever her coverture shall determine & cease, then the said third both of real & personal estate, shall be wholly at her own disposal. But in case of the Death of my said Daughter, during such Coverture, it is my Will that the said third (both real & personal) shall descend to her children in equal shares, to which they shall be respectively entitled when they shall respectively arrive at full age, & in the mean time their share of the income & interest thereof (or so much as may be needful) shall be paid by the said trustees for their maintenance & education respectively. But in case of the Death of any of the said Children before they arrive at full age, their shares shall pass to the surviving Children in equal proportions, excepting where such deceas'd shall have children, in which case their shares shall pass to their children in equal parts respectively; to have & to hold the same respectively to them, their heirs & assigns forever.

8thly. I give to my Grand Daughter Winthrop & to her Husband Tho<sup>z</sup> Lyndal Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup> one hundred pounds to be paid to either of them out of what given to her mother as above mentioned.

9thly. It is my Will that what I have advanced & paid to or for my said Daughter & her Husband, as to or for my said son James, to the present time, shall not be reckon'd as any part of the bequests aforesaid, & for which neither of them shall be accountable.

10thly. For the speedy settlement & partition of my Estate among the residuary Legatees aforesaid, it is my Will, that the seeurities, publick & private, which I shall leave at my deeease, shall be taken by them, on account of their proportions of it respectively, such securities with respect to the amount & goodness of them, to be divided among them as equitably as may be & after such Division they shall respectively take on themselves the risk of the seeurities, that may fall to their respective shares. Lastly I do hereby constitute or appoint my Wife the said Eliz<sup>th</sup> Bowdoin & my son the said James Bowdoin Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking & annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made. & do declare this to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof, I the said James Bowdoin, the testator have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day of March 1789

JAMES BOWDOIN

Whereas by my Will dated the 23rd of March 1789, in the seventh seetion thereof, it is among other things bequeath'd in the words following, viz: "And the remaining third part thereof, I give to my Daughter the sd Eliz<sup>th</sup> Temple (exception one hundred pounds thereof, which I give to her Daughter Winthrop) to have & to hold the same, to her, her heirs & assigns forever; subject nevertheless to this Proviso, viz: Provided always, & it is my Will that during her coverture, her said third part (both real & personal) shall be delivered to & be under the care & management of my Worthy friends, the hon<sup>ble</sup> Oliver Wendall Esq<sup>re</sup> & Nath<sup>l</sup> Appleton Esq<sup>re</sup> & the survivor of them, & at their deeease, or on their refusal of the trust, shall be deliver'd to, & be under the care & management of such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to that trust, by the Supreme Court of Probate, for this Commonwealth; which trustees are to improve the same to the best advantage for my said Daughter, & the income, profits, & interest thereof, as the same becomes due to pay to her or her Order whose Receipt or Order, notwithstanding her Coverture, shall be a

sufficient discharge to them for what they shall from time to time so pay her, & for their care and trouble in this business they shall be allowed out of such profits & income a reasonable compensation to be settled & approved by the supreme Court aforesaid, who are hereby vested with all needful powers for rendering this proviso effectual. And whenever her coverture shall determine & cease, then the said third both of real & personal estate shall be at her own disposal; But in case of the Death of my s<sup>d</sup> Daughter, during such coverture, it is my Will that the said third (both real & personal) shall descend to her children, in equal shares, to which they shall be respectively entitled when they shall respectively arrive at full age; & in the meantime their share of the income & interest thereof, (or so much as may be needful) shall be paid by the said trustees for their maintenance & education respectively. But in case of the death of any of the said children before they arrive at full age, their shares shall pass to the surviving children in equal proportions; excepting where such deceased shall have children, in which case their shares shall pass to their children in equal parts, respectively, to have & to hold the same respectively to them their heirs & assigns forever.

And whereas I have thought proper to make some alterations in the bequest above mention'd, as it respects my said Daughter Eliz<sup>th</sup> Temple, to whom I hereby bequeath the remaining third part of my real & personal estate above mentioned, as expressed in the seventh clause of my said Will, dated March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1789, will fully appear; subject to this Proviso, viz: Provided always, & it is my Will, that during her coverture, her said third part both real & personal, shall be deliver'd to, & be under the care & management of my worthy friend Oliver Wendall Esq<sup>re</sup> & at his decease, or on his refusal of the trust, shall be deliver'd to, & be under the care and management of such person or persons as shall from time to time be nominated by my said daughter Eliz<sup>th</sup> Temple & be approved & appointed to that trust by the supreme court of Probate, for this Commonwealth; And in case my said Daughter for six months after the Death or refusal of the said Oliver Wendall Esq<sup>re</sup> shall neglect or re-

fuse to nominate any Person as a trustee as aforesaid during her coverture, then the Justices of the supreme court of Probate are hereby authoriz'd & empower'd to appoint one or more trustees; whose business it shall be to improve the estate hereby bequeath'd to her to the best advantage of my said Daughter, & the Income, Profits & Interest thereof as the same becomes due to pay to her, or her Order; whose receipt or Order, notwithstanding her Coverture, shall be a sufficient to him or them, for such sums as he or they may from time to time pay to her; & for his or their care in this business, they shall be allowed out of such profits & Income, a reasonable compensation to be settled & approved by the supreme Court aforesaid, who are hereby vested with all needful powers for rendering this Proviso effectual. And with respect to all other parts of my said Will dated the 23rd of March 1789, it is my Will that the same should be carried into full execution in all parts thereof except that part which this Instrument is an exception, only reserving to my beloved Wife to make such alterations in the wearing of mourning as her prudence & sense of propriety may suggest.

P. S. The above Codicil was made at the express request of Mrs Eliz<sup>th</sup> Temple who had no manner of objection to Nath Appleton Esq<sup>re</sup> as a trustee but was of an opinion that a single trustee would better conduct the bequest of her Father than two, & having a personal acquaintance with the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Oliver Wendall Esq<sup>re</sup> was desirous that he should be the sole Trustee.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day of October One thousand seven hundred & ninety

JAMES BOWDOIN

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**Will of James III Bowdoin. (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO. MASS.)**

In the name of God Amen. I James Bowdoin of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachus-

sets Esquire being of sound disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of Life. Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following.—To Wit— My Funeral expenses and just debts, if any, being first to be paid I do give and devise all my Real and Personal estate as follows— And altho my worthy and affectionate wife Sarah Bowdoin stands first in my mind to be provided for, yet for sake of arrangement I herein make sundry prior bequests and provisions. First I give to Bowdoin College in the District of Maine all my pictures excepting family pictures and all my Library consisting of about three thousand Volumes and my collection of Minerals, Globes, telescopes & Philosophical apparatus and I give to the president of said College the Reverend Jesse Appleton Fifty Pounds Sterling. Seeondly—I give to the poor of Brattle Street Church in said Boston fifty pounds Sterling and to the Reverend Joseph S. Buckminster Minister thereof another sum of fifty pounds Sterling.—Thirdly—I give to my Nephew Sir Grenville Temple and to each of my nieces Mrs. Elizabeth Bowdoin Winthrop and Mrs. Augusta Palmer one hundred pounds Sterling to each of them; And I give one hundred pounds sterling to George Sullivan of said Boston Esquire.—Fifthly—I give and devise unto my Nephew James Temple Bowdoin for and during the term of his natural life my Mansion House in Beacon Street in said Boston and the furniture of the drawing room therein with the Stables and Land unto said Mansion House belonging, Also all my Islands Lands Farms & Estate in Chilmark in the County of Dukes County in said Commonwealth with the Houses, buildings, Stores, Salt works and appurtenances, farming Tools and Stock of every kind on said Lands & estate with the furniture in the Houses on said Lands, also my right and estate in a piece of land held in common with Joseph Parker containing about three Acres more or less lying within Woods hole neck, To hold what I have thus given and devised to said James Temple Bowdoin for and during the term of his natural life and from and after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise

I give the same to Thomas Lindall Winthrop and Richard Sullivan of said Boston Esquires and to their heirs in trust only to preserve and support the contingent remainders and uses herein after limited from being defeated barred or destroyed; and for that purpose from time to time and at all times to make entries and bring Actions as occasion may require nevertheless to permit and suffer the said James Temple Bowdoin to receive the rents issues and profits thereof for and during the term of his natural life, and from and immediately after his decease, I give and devise all the foregoing estates so given to him for life, unto and to the use and behoof of the first son lawfully begotten or to be begotten of the said James Temple Bowdoin, and the heirs male of the Body of such first son lawfully issuing; and for default of such issue to the use and behoof of the second, third, and all other son and sons of said James Temple Bowdoin and the heirs male of the body or bodies of such second third and other son or sons lawfully begotten or to be begotten severally and successively as they shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth that is to say, the oldest of such son and sons and the heirs male of his and their body and bodies being always to be preferred before the youngest of such son and sons and the heirs male of his and their body and bodies lawfully to be begotten and for default of such issue then I give and devise said Estates so given to said James Temple Bowdoin for life unto my other Nephew James Bowdoin Winthrop now of Harvard College in Cambridge, he dropping the name of Winthrop, for and during the term of his natural Life and from and immediately after the determination of that his estate by forfeiture or otherwise, I give and devise the same unto said Thomas Lindal Winthrop and Richard Sullivan and to their heirs in trust only to preserve and support the contingent remainders and uses herein after limited from being defeated, barred or destroyed, and for that purpose from time to time to make entries, but to suffer said James Bowdoin Winthrop to receive the rents and profits thereof during the term of his natural life and at his decease I give

and devise the same Mansion House and lands in Boston and Islands and estates (described in the devise to said James Temple) unto and to the use and behoof of the first son lawfully begotten of said James Bowdoin Winthrop and the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing and for default of such issue to the use of the second third and other sons of said James Bowdoin Winthrop and the heirs male of the body of each of them in succession & manner as before limited to the male issue of said James Temple, and for default of any such male issue of said James Temple and of said James Bowdoin Winthrop then I give and devise the said Estates in Boston and in the County of Dukes County and Woods hole, with their Stock furniture and appurtenances before described unto the aforesaid Bowdoin College in fee simple forever.—Sixthly—I give and devise to my said Nephew James Temple Bowdoin and to his heirs in fee simple my Estate in State Street and Kilby Street formerly ealled the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, also my Brick House and small Brick tene- ments in Back Street and Richmond Street all in said Bos- ton, and all the foregoing gifts and devises which I have thus made to him are under the hope and expectation that he will return to and continue to be a Citizen of the United States.—Seventhly—I give and devise to my Nephew James Bowdoin Winthrop, he dropping the name of Win- throp, for and during his life all that tract of land situated in Bowdoinham in the County of Lincoln of which I am proprietor contained within the Grants Lots so called numbered nine and ten together with the Houses, build- ings, Stock, emplements and appurtenances thereof except- ing two thousand Acres of the part thereof that be best spared in the opinion of the Judge of Probate for that County which I authorize said James Bowdoin Winthrop (then Bowdoin) to sell by proper deeds of conveyance for the extending improvements on the residue and to enable him to build a House for himself and family—and the said tract of land excepting the part he shall so sell I give and devise to him, for and during the term of his natural life

and from and immediately after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise, I give and devise the same to said Thomas Lindal Winthrop and Richard Sullivan Esquires and to their heirs in trust only to preserve and support the contingent remainders and uses herein after limited from being defeated barred or destroyed, and for that purpose from time to time and at all times to make entries and bring actions as occasion may require; nevertheless to permit and suffer the said James Bowdoin Winthrop to receive the rents issues and profits thereof for and during the term of his natural life; and from and immediately after the decease of said James Bowdoin Winthrop I give and devise said Estate in Bowdoinham except what he shall sell as aforesaid unto and to and for the use and behoof of the first son lawfully begotten or to be begotten of him said James Bowdoin Winthrop and the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing and for default of such issue to the use and behoof of the second third & all and every other son and sons of said James Bowdoin Winthrop and the heirs male of the body and bodies of such second, third and other son and sons lawfully begotten or to be begotten severally and successively as they shall be in seniority of age and priority of Birth, that is to say the oldest of such son and sons and the heirs male of his and their body and bodies being always to be preferred before the younger of such son and sons and the heirs male of his and their body and bodies lawfully to be begotten.— And for default of such issue of my said Nephew James Bowdoin Winthrop I do give and devise all the said Estate in the town of Bowdoinham, except said two thousand Acres unto said Bowdoin College in fee simple forever.— Eighthly—I give and devise to my beforementioned affectionate wife her heirs and assigns all the personal estate of all descriptions which I may own at the time of my decease which I have not given away in the former parts of this Will, in which bequest and gift unto her I inclnde my Bonds, mortgages, notes, specialties and public securities of all descriptions, Bank Shares, Bridge and Turnpike

Shares and all the furniture in my Mansion House excepting in the Drawing Room, also my Carriages and Horses for her use and benefit, and whereas certain of the obligations and contracts included in this my bequest to her of personal estate are on condition that when paid, I should convey certain Estates in said obligations or contracts described, I do therefore hereby Authorize her to make execute and deliver such deeds and conveyances in law as I could make if living, without applying to any Court of law for license therefor.— And whereas I have made this provision that my said wife might not be troubled with the management of too much Real Estate, I do hereby express that all the bequests and devises made to her in this will are upon condition that she abide by said provisions and release her dower in my Real Estate and confirm if need be, the several conveyances of estate formerly belonging to her but which she and I conveyed to Phebe Oliver and which said Phebe Oliver conveyed unto me so that the same should make part of my estate hereby given and devised as my own.— But as to the Estate in Milk Street in the occupation of my friend Thomas Lindal Winthrop in Boston, I consider as still belonging to her, she never having joined in any alienation thereof, and in addition thereto I give and devise unto her and her heirs that piece of land which I purchased of Appleton Prentiss now inclosed with that Milk Street estate and a right of passageway eight feet and a half wide down the yard now occupied by Thomas Kilby Jones as by reference to said Prentiss's Deed will appear.— And Ninthly—I give and devise to my said two nephews James Bowdoin Winthrop and James Temple Bowdoin their Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns all the rest and residue of my estate, not disposed of in any former part of this Will. . . . — And Lastly—I do nominate constitute and appoint the before mentioned Thomas Lindal Winthrop and Richard Sullivan Esquires Executors of this my last Will and Testament.— And now upon examining the foregoing five pages, I find that James Bowdoin Winthrop is called of Harvard College in Cambridge which

is a mistake, he being of Bowdoin College in Brunswick; I also find an omission of an intended devise of my estate in Dorchester in the County of Norfolk to my Nephew James Temple Bowdoin.— I now hereby give and devise to him all my Houses Buildings Lands and Estate in said Dorchester to hold to him said James Temple Bowdoin and his heirs and assigns forever.— And in witness of this my last Will & Testament upon this and five preceding pages I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eleven

JAMES BOWDOIN

Signed sealed published and declared by said Honorable James Bowdoin Esquire as and for his last Will and Testament in our presence who in presence of him and of each other subscribe this as witnesses hereof the words " & ten " being first inserted after the Word nine in the fourth line from the bottom of the third page

EDW<sup>D</sup> JACKSON

THO<sup>S</sup> MCKEACHIE

JN B. SCOTT

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**Names of persons<sup>1</sup> interred in the Bowdoin vault,  
in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.**

James I Bowdoin, 1747.

Sarah, daughter of William Bowdoin, 1759, aged 4 years.

Mrs. Murdoch, mother of Mrs. William Bowdoin, 1760.

Mrs. William Bowdoin, 1772.

William Bowdoin, 1773.

Balthazar Bayard, 1778.

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<sup>1</sup> The memorandum from which this note is taken is in the possession of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, and was drawn up by his brother, the late Mr. James Bowdoin, who obtained the information from the widow of James III Bowdoin, then Mrs. Dearborn.

I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., for the communication of the same.

Mrs. Balthazar Bowdoin, 1780.

James II Bowdoin, 1790.

Mrs. James II Bowdoin, 1803.

Anne Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of William L. Palmer  
died 1808, aged six years.

A still-born daughter of James Temple Bowdoin, 1809.

Elizabeth Bowdoin, Lady Temple, 1809.

James III Bowdoin, 1811.

Perhaps the 3 wives of James I Bowdoin.

Perhaps Mrs. Bourn, a daughter of Balthazar Bowdoin.

The author of the memorandum, Mr. James Bowdoin,  
was interred in this vault in 1833.

Over this vault there is an upright stone on which "James  
Bowdoin Esq., " and below it the Bowdoin arms.

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### **Portraits of Members of the Bowdoin Family.**

#### **AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE.**

James I Bowdoin, by Badjer, 1747.

William Bowdoin.

Phebe Murdoch, Mrs. William Bowdoin.

Judith Bowdoin, Mrs. Thomas Flucker.

James II Bowdoin, by R. Feke.

Elizabeth Erving, Mrs. James II Bowdoin, by R. Feke.

James III Bowdoin and Elizabeth Bowdoin, later Lady  
Temple, his sister, as children.

James III Bowdoin, as a young man.

James III Bowdoin, by Gilbert Stuart.

Sarah Bowdoin, Mrs. James III Bowdoin, by Gilbert  
Stuart.

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## IN THE POSSESSION OF GEORGE S. BOWDOIN, ESQ., NEW YORK:

James II Bowdoin, a silhouette, probably from the oil painting by Copley in the possession of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop.

Elizabeth Erving, Mrs. James II Bowdoin, miniature, by Malbone.

James III Bowdoin, miniature, by Malbone, probably from the oil painting by Gilbert Stuart, at Bowdoin College.

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## IN THE POSSESSION OF THE HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP:

James II Bowdoin, miniature, by Copley.

James II Bowdoin, oil painting, by Copley, 7 x 10 inches, full length figure, represented standing, in a library.

James III Bowdoin, miniature, by Malbone, from the oil painting by Gilbert Stuart at Bowdoin College.

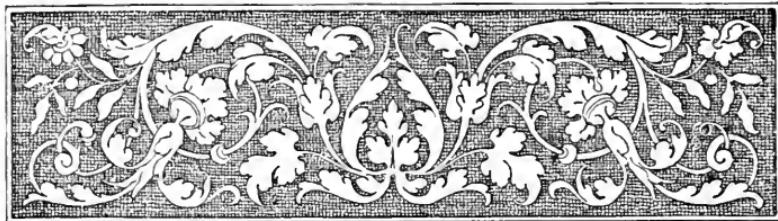
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## COLONIAL COLLECTION OF THOMAS PITTS, ESQ., AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

James I Bowdoin, by Badjer, 1747; duplicate of the one at Bowdoin College.

Elizabeth Bowdoin, Mrs. James Pitts, by Blackburn, 1757.

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# PORDAGE.

## GEORGE PORDAGE.

**Married**: Elizabeth, daughter of Simon I Lynde<sup>1</sup> and of Hannah Newgate,<sup>2</sup> his wife; born March 25th 1662; she died Boston, June 1746.

### Issue.

1. **Judith Pordage**, born February 26th 1685; died young.
2. **Hannah Pordage**, born February 13th 1687; married, September 15th or 16th 1714, James I Bowdoin.
3. **Samuel Pordage**, born April 15th 1689.
4. **Judith Pordage**, born September 16th 1691.
5. **Elizabeth Pordage**, born May 16th 1696; died young.
6. **George Pordage**, left no issue.

### Account of George Pordage.

George Pordage, or Portage, was a merchant in Boston; he came probably from the Provinces.

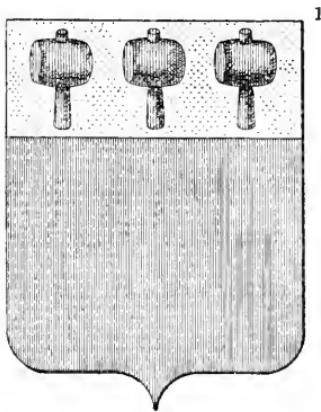
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<sup>1</sup> See page 31.

<sup>2</sup> See page 35.



## LYNDE.



### — LYNDE.

**Married:** Elizabeth ——.

#### Issue.

1. **Nathan Lynde.**

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<sup>1</sup> Arms: "Gules, on a chief or, three mallets of the first."

**NATHAN LYNDE.****Issue.**

1. **Enoch I Lynde.**

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**ENOCH I LYNDE.**

**Born:** in England.

**Died:** London, April 23rd 1636.

**Married:** London, October 25th 1614 Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Everard Digby; born 1584; died, London, 1669.

**Issue.**

1. **Matthew Lynde**, born 1620; mentioned in the will of his brother Simon I.
2. **James I Lynde**, baptized June 23rd 1622; died March 3rd 1623.
3. **Enoch II Lynde**, left no issue.
4. **Simon I Lynde**, of whom later.
5. **James II Lynde**, baptized July 28th 1630.

**Account of Enoch I Lynde.**

Engaged in foreign trade. Some time connected with the postal service between England and the Netherlands. Agent of the Government, in some capacity, during the war that broke out with France in 1627.

**SIMON I LYNDE.**

**Born:** baptized, St Andrews Holborn, London, June 1624.

**Died:** November 22nd 1687; buried on the 26th of the month.

**Will:** 1685.

**Married:** betrothed 1651, to Hannah, daughter of John Newgate; married by Mr. William Hibbins, February 22nd 1652-53; born in Boston; baptized July 19th 1635; died December 20th 1684.

**Issue.**

1. **Samuel Lynde**, born December 1st 1653; died October 2nd 1721; married Mary daughter of Jervis Ballard; she died December 1697; no issue male.

2. **Simon II Lynde**, born September 26th 1655; died February 1656.

3. **John Lynde**, born November 9th 1657; died, unmarried, September 20th 1671.

4. **Nathaniel Lynde**, born November 22d 1659; died October 5th 1729; married 1683 Susannah, only daughter of Deputy Governor Willoughby, of Charlestown, Mass.; left issue.

5. **Elizabeth Lynde**, born March 25th 1662; married George Pordage of Boston; died June 1st 1746.

6. **Joseph Lynde**, born August 2nd 1664; died August 21st 1676.

7. **Benjamin Lynde**, born September 22nd 1666; died January 28th 1745; married April 27th, 1699, Mary, only daughter of William Browne, of Salem; Chief Justice of Massachusetts.

8. **Simon III Lynde**, born November 3rd 1668; died August 13th 1669.

9. **Hannah Lynde**, born May 19th 1670; died August 9th 1725; married 1st John Rigge of London, 2ndly Jona-

than Mitchell of Cambridge, 3rdly Edmond Goffe ; left no issue.

10. **Sarah Lynde**, born May 25th 1672 ; died July 15th 1727 ; married June 5th 1688, Nathaniel Newgate.

11. **Enoch III Lynde**, born January 1674-75 ; died September 1675.

12. **James III Lynde**, born November 1675 ; died January 1676-77.

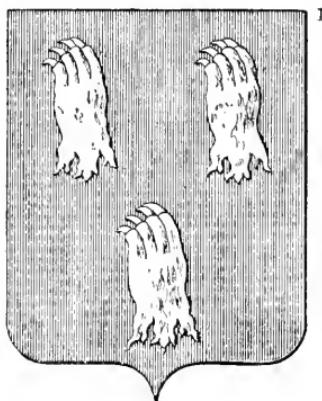
#### Account of Simon I Lynde.

For a time apprenticed to a Mr. Delaney, a merchant in London ; subsequently in business in the Netherlands. Came to Boston in 1650. In 1652 paid a visit to England. In 1658 member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. In 1686 one of the assistant Justices of the Court of Pleas and Sessions, and in the following year, one of the Assistant Justices of the Superior Court.

A person of prominence in New England ; he acquired large landed possessions in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.



## NEWGATE.



### JOHN NEWGATE.

**Born:** Southwark, near London Bridge, England, 1580.

**Died:** September 4th 1665.

**Married:** in England, Anne or Hannah<sup>2</sup> — ; born 1595 ; died 1679 ; will August 6th 1676 ; proved April 8th 1679.

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<sup>1</sup> Arms : "Gules, three bear's paws erased argent."

<sup>2</sup> She had previously been married twice, 1st to one Hunt, 2ndly to one Draper.

**Will:**<sup>1</sup> November 25th 1664; proved September 11th 1665.

### Issue.

1. **Joshua Newgate**, died Boston, November 12th 1658.
2. **Elizabeth Newgate**, married, 1st. John Oliver; 2dly. March 14th 1649, Edward Jackson.
3. **Sarah Newgate**, married Peter Oliver; died October 1692.
4. **Nathaniel Newgate**, born in England 1627; alive 1664; left issue male.
5. **Hannah Newgate**, born Boston, August 1st 1633; baptized on the 6th of the same month; died young.
6. **Hannah Newgate**, born in Boston; baptized July 19th 1635; married, February 22d 1653, Simon I Lynde.

### Account of John Newgate.

John Newgate, or Newdigate, came to Boston 1632; engaged in mercantile pursuits; March 4th 1635, freeman; 1638 constable and representative; several times a selectman.

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### Appendix.

#### Will of John Newgate. (N. E. HIST. & GEN. REG. XIII.)

“25 of Nov. 1664. Debts being paid and funerells discharged, I give vnto my wife, Ann Newgate, my farme at Rumly Marsh, with all my lands belonging there vnto, and my house at Charles towne, with the orehard there vnto belonging, and my house in which I now dwell, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and the house in which my sonne in lawe, Simon Linde, now dwells in,

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix, this page.

with all the ground thereto belonging, during her naturall life, she the said Ann continueing in the state of widowhood, payeing vnto the Colledge in Cambridge, the sume of five pounds p<sup>r</sup> ann. during the said tyme of her widowhowde, for the security of which payement my said farme is already bound and ingaged. But if my said wife should happen to marry againe, then my will and mind is, That she shall haue onely the thirds of all my said houses and lands in Boston and of my said farme at Rumly Marsh, but not the thirds of my said house and land at Charles towne, for that the said annuall pay to the Colledge is after such marriage of her, the said Ann, to bee paid by others. I give vnto my sonn, Nathaniell Newgate, my said farme, with all the lands there vnto belonging, and my house and ground at Charles towne, for him, his heires and assignes, to possesse and enjoy them, next and ymmediately after such marriage of her, the said Ann, as is aforesaid, or otherwise next and ymmediately after her decease, if she continue in the state of widowhood, he my said sonn, Nathaniell, his heirs and assignes payeing the said annuall payment of £5 to the Colledge, next and ymmediately after he shall possesse and enjoy the said farme, in lew of which annuall payment I give him my said house and ground at Charlestowne, also yeilding and payeing vnto my said wife one third part of the rent of the saide farme, during her life, after such marriage as aforesaid. I give unto my said sonne in law, Simon Lind, my said house in Boston, in which I now dwell, with the appurteances thereto belonging, and my said house in which he the said Lind now dwells, with all the ground thereto belonging, for him, his heires, and assigns, to possess and enjoy next & ymmediately after the decease of Ann, my wife, or otherwise after such marriage of the said Ann, yeilding and payeing vnto her during her life a third part of the annual rents or profitts thereof. Also £220 within six moneths after hee shall possesse said houses and lands, videlt £110 to my sonn in law, Peeter Olliver, that married with my daughter Sarah, and the other £110 vnto my sonn in law, Edward

Jaekson, that married with my daughter Elizabeth. And if either my said sonne Jaekson, or my said sonn Olliver shall depart this life before their said legaeies shalbe payable, as aforesaid, then my will and mind is, that the £110 shalbe equally divided betweene the Children of the said Elizabeth, and the other £110, betweene the Children of the said Sarah. I give vnto my grand Children, John Olliver and Thomas Olliver, sonnes of John Olliver, deceased, £20, (£10 to each) To be paid them when they shall aecomplish their severall ages of 20 yeaeres, And in case either of them depart this life before he has aecomplished his said age, Then that son which survive shall hane the others portion. I give to all the Children now liveing that my daughter, Elizabeth, had by the said Edward Jackson, her now husband, £10 a peece, to be paid vnto the said Edward, their father, or Elizabeth, their Moother, whieh of them shalby then liveing, within one yeare after my decease, and they to ymprove it for their said Children, vntill they shall aecomplish their severall ages of 18 yeaeres, or dayes of marriage, whieh shall first happen, And in case any of them shall depart this life before they attayne their severall ages of 18 or dayes of marriage, then those Children which survive shall hane the others portion proportionably divided amongst them. I give to all the children now liveing, that my daughter Sarah, had by the said Peeter Olliver, her now husband, £10 a peece, (conditionally given as to the other Children, and contingencies provided for.) Vnto all the children, now liveing, that my daughter, Hanna had by my sonn in law, Simon Lynd, £18 a peece (on like eonditions with the other grand children) To the child, now liveing, of my sonne, Nathaniell Newgate, £10 to bee paid twoe yeare after my decease, hee to improve the same for his said childs vse, vntill he aecomplish the age of 18 yeaeres, or day of marriage. To my brother in law, Thomas Townsin, of Lin, £10 to be paid him within 3 yeaeres after my decease. Vnto my wifes sister, that married with Willinam Newgate, my Vnkels sonn, liveing in London, £5, to be paid within one yeare after my decease. To Jonathan Jackson, sonn of the said Edward

Jackson, £5, withiu half a yeare after my decease. Vnto the free Schole of the towne of Boston, to bee ymproved towards the yearely mayntenance thereof, £10, to be paid within 3 moneths after my decease. To Mr. John Wilson, Pastor of the Church of Boston, £8, to bee paid within 3 moneths after my decease. Vnto such Ministers within this Jurisdiction as ar Consionable in their places, and yet hane but small Mayntenance, £30, to be paid to the said M<sup>r</sup>. John Wilson and he to dispose thereof as he shall see meete, to the intent aforesaid; to be paid within 3 months after my decease. Vnto the poore of the Church of Boston, £10, to be disposed of by the deacons of the said Church, as they shall see neede. To my said daughter, Jackson, a gilt salt and a gilt wine cup. To my said daughter, Olliver, a silver beere boule and a silver wine eupp. To my said daughter, Linde, a silver porringer and three silver spoones. The rest of my plate I leave to my wife, to dispose thereof as she please. I will that whatsoeuer goods of myne there shall appeare to bee more then is bequeathed as aforesaid, be equally divided between my wife and my fower children, namely, Nathaniell, Elizabeth, Sarah and Hanna. And hopeing of the faithfulness of my said sonnes in law, Edward Jackson and Simon Linde, to p<sup>r</sup>forme the trust herein committed vnto them, I make them executors of this my last will, and also my said sonn in law, Peeter Olliver, my overseer of this my will, and doe giue him, for his care and oversight thereof, £10, over and aboue what is before vnto him bequeathed.

JOHN NEWGATE.

In presence of Robert Howard, Not. publ. & Mary Howard, who deposed 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1665.

**Codicil.** Whereas in my bequest to my sonne in law, Simon Linde, it is thus expressed (and the said house in which he now dwels with all the ground thereto belonging) my intent and meaneing is, That inclosed land lyeing next aboue that land late in the possession of Governor Indecott, together with the house the said Lind lives in, with the

orchard & rest of the ground about the same house, all which contayneth fower acres, more or lesse. Further my will is, that Thomas Townsin, of Lin, have his legacy aboue mentioned, within one yeare ofter my decease. And that bequest of £10, to the free Scoole in Boston, I, doe hereby make void whatsoever is aboue written, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

8<sup>th</sup> of May 1665.

Robert Howard Not. publ. John Newgate. Elizabeth Baker. 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1665 M<sup>r</sup> Robert Howard, notary publick, & Elizabeth Baker, deposed.

Inventorye of the Goods and Estate of M<sup>r</sup> John Newgate, deceased, taken the 8th September 1665, by James Pen, Tho. Brattle, Tho. Buttolph, Amt. £2496, 13. 11.

26th Oct. 1665, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Jackson, and M<sup>r</sup> Simon Lynde, deposed. Addition made by M<sup>r</sup> Simon Lynde one of y<sup>e</sup> Executors vpon y<sup>e</sup> original Inventory to y<sup>e</sup> sume of £173. 16. 10.



# ERVING.

## JOHN I ERVING.<sup>1</sup>

**Born:** 1690, at Kirkwall in the Orkneys.

**Married:** 1720, Abigail Philips.

**Died:** Boston, August 20th. 1786; buried in the Granary, Tremont Street, Boston.

**Will:**<sup>2</sup> August 20th 1784 (Probate Off<sup>ce</sup> Suffolk Co. Mass.)

### Issue.

1. **John II Erving**, born 1727; graduated Harv. Coll. 1747; died at Bath, England, June 17th, 1816; married Maria, daughter of Lt. Gl. William Shirley; he is now represented by Mr. John Erving of Rye, N. Y.

2. **George Erving**, graduated Harv. Coll. 1757; died in George Street, Hanover Square, London, England, January 16th, 1806, aged 70 years; married 1st, 1768, Lucy, daughter of Isaac Winslow; she died in 1770, 2dly Mary McIntosh, daughter of General Royal, of Medford, Mass., she died in

<sup>1</sup> Mr. John Erving, of Rye, N. Y., owns a portrait of him, in oil, by Copley.

<sup>2</sup> See page 45.

1786; by his first marriage he had a son, George William Erving, who died, unmarried, in New York July 22<sup>d</sup> 1850, in his 82<sup>d</sup> year.

3. **James Erving**, died unmarried, in the West Indies, prior to 1784.

4. **William Erving**, held the rank of Major in the British Army; sometimes spelled his name "Irvine"; graduated Harv. Coll. 1753; was with Wolfe at Quebec and Louisburg; founded the Erving professorship of chemistry and mineralogy at Harvard College; died unmarried in his house at Jamaica Plains, Mass., May 27th, 1791; buried in the yard of King's Chapel, Boston.<sup>1</sup>

5. **Elizabeth Erving**, born 1731; died May 5th, 1803; married James II Bowdoin.

6. **Mary Erving**, married Colonel Scott, of the British Army, who was at one time Governor of Dominica and Granada.

7. **Anne Erving**, married Duncan Stewart; left issue; alive in 1784.

8. **Sarah Erving**, married Colonel Waldo; left issue; alive in 1784.

### Account of John I Erving.

A prominent and successful merchant in Boston, Mass., to which place he came in 1706.

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<sup>1</sup> His tomb-stone has on it the following epitaph:

"The remains of  
Major William Erving  
Are deposited  
In this  
Tomb,"  
with his arms.

Letter from John I Erving to his Grandson James III Bowdoin.

BOSTON Feby 28. 1771.

MR. JAMES BOWBOIN Jun<sup>r</sup>.

You shou'd have heard from me by the first opportunity after you sailed but I have been poorly in health eversince my nerves w<sup>ch</sup> are always bad have been more than commonly out of order but this being the first time of your going abroad & to be absent from your friends cou'd not therefore omit intimating to you some Caution w<sup>ch</sup> I hope you will observe, you can't but think your father mother & friends as well as myself are very anxious for your welfare & well being. In the first place I flatter my self you had very good & quick Passage as we had fine weather for along time after you sailed we shall impatiently await to hear of your safe arrival & health & that with the blessing of God you may obtain the Ends & Intentions of your going a confirmed state of health & in order to this I wou'd caution you to be moderate both in your drink & diet for as you have letters from Gentlemen here to their friends in London which will naturally lead you into Company you must be mindfull to take care that the Climate altho' good does not agree with strangers at their first eoming. I hope your life & health will be preserved & that you will meet with success in all your undertakings. That you may obtain a blessing lett me recommend it to you never to negleat your duty to God but lett it be the first thing you do in a morning before you sett about any business invoke his blessing upon your Undertakings that day & never forget before you go to rest to return thanks for that day's benefit & to recommend your self to his care & Protection that night in doing of w<sup>ch</sup> you will find great satisfaction & lett no business or time be an Exeuse for the negleat of this duty. Another thing I would recommend that is that you wou'd never omit any opportunity of attending the publick worship of almighty God for that it publick worship that day the most honor to God & makes your Prayers the most acceptable sacrifice to him, & as you are now arrived to such a state of Life lett your deportment be such as

may be pleasing to all men so that nothing may be diminished from that good character you have hitherto sustained & that you may avoid the Prejudices that are often the ruin of young men. I wou'd also earnestly desire you to avoid ill & idle Company & never be afraid to say no to any Proposal that may be made to you that seems contrary to your duty to God or man there are more young men ruined for the want of Resolution to say no than any one thing else & that you may not offend speak evil of no man nor any sett of men nor of any Country, espeially the place of your Nativity w<sup>ch</sup> has been so notoriously practised by many of the youth of this Country when abroad they have joined in ridiculing the place of their birth to their great shame & dishonour. As you are soon to return I would advise you to make the best use of your time whilst you stay for the benefit of your health & the advantage & improvement of your mind & after you have viewd & seen all that is curios in & about London it will then be worth your while to make yourself acquainted with all the Branches of the manufauctures carried on there & in other parts of the Kingdom w<sup>ch</sup> you may obtain knowledge of, if you not time to see all the placees some knowledge & experience in these will naturally lead you enquire where all these goods are eonsumed & the different countries they are earried to & there must be great variety to suit the many different markets the British nation trade to so there must be great variety in the returns brought from these countries according to their climate & produce to make an exchange or pay for what they have from Britain a Knowledge of this sort would be very entertaining useful & servieable to young men not only because it would give them a taste of geography but that of manufauctures & commerce w<sup>ch</sup> has been so advantageous to all Europe that it has raised them from that stupid ignorant slavish condition they were in three or four hundred years ago without Knowledge or arts to that opulent flourishing state they are now in & is one of the best studies a young man can qualify himself with both for amusement & conversation. As I hinted before your going that you must

keep a Journal or minutes of all Transactions especially those that are rare or curious w<sup>ch</sup> the more you practice the more you will incline to enlarge & continue is & I doubt not in the course of your observations you will have occasion to make your Remarks on Luxury Extravagance Prodigality & all profuse irregular ways of living & this will also serve for a caution to you to shun all such Company as live on the practice of these Vices. I write this for your own benefit & advantage not to communicate it for according to the old Proverb a close tongue makes a wise head & hope you will be cautious in this & all other things & follow the advice herein given & that you will not forget what I do so often impressed on you to be sure to take care of your self in doing w<sup>ch</sup> will remind you of the above Caution. I shall expect to hear from you & how you do by the first ship after your arrival & also that you let me know what part of the Country my son William is in. As this comes under cover to Mr. Stewart I shall not enlarge on the Condition of our family because he & you both will have it from so many hands but only that we are all in a perfect state of health

your affectionate  
grand father

JOHN ERVING

P. S. this letter was wrote about a month ago but the badness of the weather w<sup>ch</sup> made my health bad prevented my sending it by the several opportunities. Dont write my son William till I have answered to the letters already wrote him.

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**Will of John I Erving.** (PROBATE OFFICE, SUFFOLK CO.  
MASS.)

In the Name of God Amen. I John Erving of Boston in the County of Suffolk & Commonwealth of Massachusetts in New England being weak of Body but of sound disposing

mind and memory do make ordain publish & dictate this to be my last will & Testament in manner following ..... Viz

Imprimis I order all my just Debts & funeral Expenses to be paid as soon as may be after my Decease.

Item I give unto each of my Children besides what I may hereafter give them the sum of Five pounds lawful money.

Item I order all my Real Estate wheresoever the same may be found to be sold as soon as conveniently may be by my Executors after my Decease or by such of them as shall be in a capacity of acting here whom I hereby authorize & impower to give Deeds to the purchasers as shall be necessary, the sale to be conducted according to the best discretion of such Executors.

Item the Produce of such sale together with all my other Estate wheresoever the same may be found I give & bequeath to my children their heirs & assigns in the following manner and Proportions first Deducting Certain Legacies to other persons as hereinafter mentioned.

Item To my son John I give & bequeath two seventh parts of my whole Estate w<sup>ch</sup> I order my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third part thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease and the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease.

Item To my son William his heirs & assigns I give & bequeath one seventh part thereof which I order my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third part thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease and the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease.

Item To my son George his heirs & assigns I give & bequeath one seventh part thereof which I order my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third part thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease and the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease.

Item To my Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Bowdoin her heirs & assigns I give & bequeath one seventh part thereof which I order

my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease and the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease.

Item To my Daughter Sarah Waldo her heirs & assigns I give & bequeath one seventh part thereof which I order my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third part thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease & the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease.

Item To my Daughter Ann Stewart her heirs & assigns one seventh part thereof I give & bequeath Which I order my Executors to pay as follows Viz one third part thereof in 12 months after my Decease one third part thereof in two years after my Decease & the other third part thereof in three years after my Decease

Item I order that all such sum or sums of money as either of my children or either of the Husbands of my said Daughters shall at my Decease be found indebted to me upon Book acco<sup>t</sup> Bond Note or any other way & charged to them shall not be allowed & paid by them out of the Share of my Estate herein before given them.

Item It is my Will that my Pew in the meeting House of the late Doct<sup>r</sup> Cooper be the property of my son William.

Item To the poor of that Meeting House I give Seven pounds to be paid the Deacons for their Use.

Item It is my will that my Executors Lend £400 to each of my two Grandsons John & Shirley to help to sett them forward in their business, & to be accounted as so much out of the Estate given to their Father which they are to pay him as soon as they are in a capacity to do it.

Item I order also the following Legacies to be given out of my Estate to the following persons ..... Viz To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Oliver Wendell Esq<sup>r</sup> I order my Executors to pay fifty pounds £ money as he has been so kind as to accept of being one of the Executors to my will I also order my Executors to pay my Bookkeeper John Southack £500 old Tenor & as he is well acquainted with all my affairs rel-

ative to both my Real & personal Estate that he be aiding & assisting to my Executors they paying him for his time & trouble therein & the like sum to my housekeeper Experience Bridge should either or both of them continue in my service at the time of my Death. I also give and bequeath to the Marine Society in Boston for y<sup>e</sup> benefit of the Poor Widows & Children of distressed Seamen the sum of fifty pounds sterling, or five hundred pounds old tenor. I order also to be given to Sarah M<sup>c</sup>-Cauley a servant maid in my house £20 old Tenor should she continue in my service at the time of my Decease To my Negro man Caesar I give £30 old Tenor & his freedom; if he had not behaved ill lately he should have had more.

I also recommend to my Heirs to be Kind to Mr Southack & Mrs. Bridge they both having served me faithfully for some years.

Item My meaning & will is in directing my Real Estate to be sold by such of my Executors as may be in a capacity of acting here that such of my Executors or the Survivors of them as may be in Ameriea at any time after my Decease before all my Real Estate shall be sold shall have power to Sell the same at their Discretion as is before mentioned.

Item I hereby Revoke & make void all former & other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made & hereby Constitute & appoint my three Sons John William & George & my son in Law the Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esqr & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Oliver Wendall Esqr Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord 1784

JOHN ERVING

Letter from George Erving to his Niece Elizabeth, Lady  
Temple, then residing in Boston.

LONDON the 27th. Sep<sup>r</sup> 1800.

MY DEAR NIECE

I had the pleasure of receiving y<sup>r</sup> letters of the 3<sup>d</sup> July & 4<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup> with their several inclosures; which I have distributed according to direction. The letters for Mrs Palmer<sup>1</sup> I forwarded to her husband at Rahin, near Clonard Kildare County, Ireland. I had previously rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from him; and guess'd that Rahin was the place he dated from. I say guess'd, for his handwriting was so new to me, and of so particular a sort that, after trying it in every view I was oblig'd at last to submit to chance. In my letter to him I desired a speedy reply, that I might be sure of the direction; and not having heard from him, after waiting more than the full time, I suspected I was in an error, and all the letters I had forwarded had gone the Lord knows where. In this dilemma I wrote to Sir Grenville<sup>2</sup> at Cheltenham to be set right if wrong. By his answer I was glad to find that I had guess'd right. So that I attribute Capt. Palmer's silence to buissness or some other indispensible engagement.

Your son James<sup>3</sup> was in town ab<sup>t</sup> 10 days ago. He came with a view of negotiating an exchange from the Reg<sup>t</sup> he is in the 60th to the 52<sup>d</sup> I think it is; and in all probability will succeed, paying a difference of £400. The next step will be the most difficult one he will meet with; especially if there come a peace, which all appearances at present promise. There are so many young gentlemen of rank and of great fortunes now in the army, that any price will be given for promotions, especially to field rank, and there will be no chance of getting promotion on moderate terms, but in those Reg<sup>ts</sup> that are situated in inhospitable climates. It is said that the Reg<sup>t</sup> which James is ab<sup>t</sup> exchanging into will be

<sup>1</sup> Her daughter, Augusta Grenville Temple, wife of Captain Wm. L. Palmer.

<sup>2</sup> Her son, Sir Grenville Temple, 9th Bart.

<sup>3</sup> Her second son, James Temple-Bowdoin.

sent to the East Indies; and if it is, he has prepar'd his mind to go with it. In that Country he may get his promotions on much more moderate terms than in this. James told me he left his brother at Cheltenham much benefitted by the waters. While he has been at Cheltenham Lady Temple<sup>1</sup> has been on a visit to her sister Hutchinson at Birmingham. They are all now at Cheltenham, and are expected in town in abt a fortnight.

The parcel which you directed to be left with Lane & Co. I have rec<sup>d</sup>. As the door of the inclosure was open a jar, I took the liberty of opening it and taking a peep at the principal figure it contained; on beholding which, one might almost say in the Hyperbolical language of our great poet

“It tutors nature, artificial strife  
Lives in these touehes, livelier than life.”

Seriously. If this be a true representation of the original, and the artist has not been somewhat of a courtier with his pencil, as many of these rogues are, and taken you back at least 20 years, it is the representation of the youngest “old woman” that I ever saw. By this one might suppose you to be a particular favorite of Time. With me he has not been quite so partial. He has been scoring & marking my face in all directions, and in as many unmeaning lines, as children sometimes wantonly serawl on the covers of their books. On critically examining this piece, and comparing it with the image of you which is strongly painted in my mind. I cannot say I see any great resemblance. But the best miniature that can be taken of you, and done by the best artist, is yr daughter Mrs. Palmer. The first moment I saw her, I seem'd instantly to have drop'd four & thirty years, and saw before me Miss Bowdoin in all her youthful bloom and innocence. This bro't to my mind many pleasing painful reflections—why then send your picture to one who is herself the living exact copy of the

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<sup>1</sup> Sir Grenville Temple's wife.

original, and may see her Mama in her youthful bloom whenever she chances to look into the mirror. Nor does she seem less to resemble her Mama in her inward than in her outward person. She appears to have the same happy disposition of mind, the same degree of good sense and cheerfulness of temper with the original. Capt. Palmer I believe to be a very good temper'd man, and a very kind & attentive husband. James tells me that he purposes to come soon to England; in the view of obtaining the place of Consul in one of the Ameriean districts. If he sh<sup>d</sup> succeed, as it is tho't he will they may return to you in the Spring; and thenee deprive us of the pleasure we promised ourselves of seeing you here, probably you will hear more particulars of this matter from other quarters. Capt. Palmer seems to have a considerable partiality for America; which is not quite the case with Sir Grenville. Remember me very kindly to your mother and believe me to be sincerely

Your very aff<sup>e</sup> uncle,

GEO. ERVING

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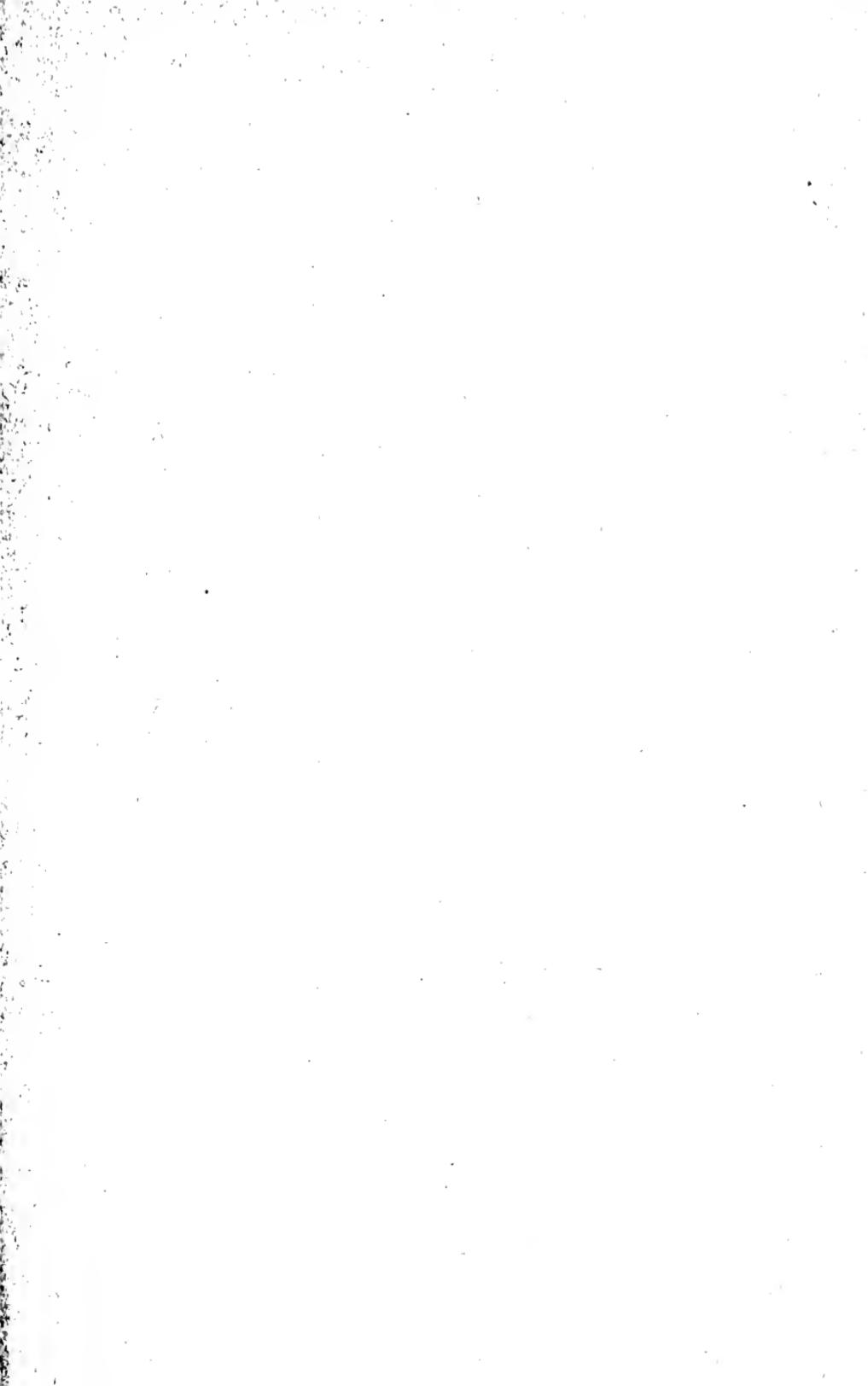
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